

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (original) A magnetic door stop, comprising:

a first magnet, wherein said first magnet is mounted on a door;

a second magnet, wherein said second magnet is mounted on a structure opposing the door; and

a switching means to allow a user to selectively orient one of said first magnet or said second magnet between a first position of repulsion between said first magnet and said second magnet and a second position of attraction between said first magnet and said second magnet, wherein said switching means is a magnet holder comprising a bottom and two opposing sidewalls extending from the bottom.

2. (original) The magnetic door stop of claim 1, wherein said magnet holder is mounted on the door and said first magnet may be manually placed between the two opposing sidewalls.

3. (original) The magnetic door stop of claim 1, wherein said magnet holder is mounted on the structure opposing the door and said second magnet may be manually placed between the two opposing sidewalls.

4. (currently amended) A magnetic door stop, comprising:

a door at least partially formed from magnetic material; and

a permanent magnet, wherein said magnet is rotatably mounted on a structure opposing the door ~~and said magnet is configured~~ to allow a user to selectively orient said magnet between a first position to repel the door and a second position to attract the door.

5. (currently amended) A magnetic door latch, comprising:

a first magnet, wherein said first magnet is mounted on a door;

a second magnet, wherein said second magnet is a permanent magnet and is mounted on a doorframe; and

switching means ~~to allow a user to~~ for selectively ~~orient one of~~ orienting said first magnet ~~or said second magnet~~ between a first position of repulsion between said first magnet and said second magnet and a second position of attraction between said first magnet and said second magnet, wherein in the first position of repulsion the first magnet and the second magnet decelerate the door as the door is moved towards the doorframe.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein in the

second position of attraction said first magnet and said second magnet ~~are of sufficient strength to hold the door closed in the second position of attraction between said first magnet and said second magnet.~~

8. (original) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein said first magnet is a permanent magnet.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein said first magnet is ~~[[a]]~~an electromagnet.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~A magnetic door latch ~~of claim 5,~~
comprising:
a first magnet mounted on a door;
a second magnet mounted on a doorframe; and
switching means to allow a user to selectively orient the first magnet
between a first position of repulsion between the first magnet and the second magnet and
a second position of attraction between the first magnet and the second magnet, wherein
said switching means is a knob assembly attached to said first magnet such that said first
magnet may freely rotate between said first and second positions when the user turns
said knob assembly.

13. (new) A magnetic door latch, comprising:

a first permanent magnet mounted on a door;

a second permanent magnet mounted on a doorframe; and

switching means for allowing a user to selectively orient the second magnet between a first position of repulsion between the first magnet and the second magnet and a second position of attraction between the first magnet and the second magnet.

14. (new) The magnetic door latch of claim 13, wherein when the switching means is in the first position of repulsion the first magnet and the second magnet decelerate the door when the door is moved towards the doorframe.

15. (new) The magnetic door latch of claim 13, wherein when the switching means is in the second position of attraction the first magnet and the second magnet hold the door closed.